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Editorial

Things are rarely as simple as they seem! There is a tendency to focus on single issues which arise from time to time (in fact some seem to pop up like the proverbial bad penny), and to jump on band-wagons.

The trouble is, one issue hardly ever stands alone; the difficulty is seeing how they are inter-related.

Take the recurrent issue of the age-profile of our area, and what we often hear said; “Too many retired people”; “Too few young families”; “No jobs”; “No houses”. But pause for a moment and consider: it is true that the age-profile in the Dales is skewed upwards, but not overwhelmingly so at a time when there are many more older people generally. (Over 65s in Dales about 21%; nationally about 16%), and this age group has the spending power to put money into the area, helping to support all the service and trade jobs often done by younger people. It is true that the number of children is less than nationally, but not overwhelmingly so. (0-15 years in the Dales about 17%; nationally about 20%). It is true that more young people leave to go to further and higher education; that’s a national trend. It is by no means certain that they all want to come back after having tasted life elsewhere. In this day and age, we have to ask whether deep rural areas are the places where many younger people generally really want to live. In small populations (and we keep stressing this as a major factor in much of what we plan, and why some ventures may never succeed), all small groups suffer more because of fluctuations in birth-rates: school, nurseries, play-groups, sports and interest groups, which can make planning difficult. It is rarely true that families with young children are moving away from the Dales. It is certainly not true that unemployment is a problem any more; we

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have more jobs than people to fill them. It might be that families from afar would like to move here, and in their case, affordable housing is an issue. The housing stock is not the problem; it is the occupancy of it between permanent locals, holiday cottages for rent and second homes of those living away. All contribute to the area but it is the balance between them which is at issue. The problem of access to services (entertainment, hospitals etc.) and transport also becomes a related issue.

It is true that Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and National Parks have stricter controls on development (but these can be exaggerated) and it is too easy to make them scapegoats. It is true that the upland farming community (which accounts for only about 13% of the Dales workforce, remember) is living in very uncertain times (mind you, that’s been the case for donkey’s years!). If they are to survive anywhere then National Parks and AONBs with their emphases on conservation and landscape quality, sustained by the upland farming, are the places where survival is the most certain. That ensures steady tourism which is also vital for the area’s well-being and jobs. It might be wonderful if clocks could go back, but we’re not so sure. The truth is, things change; trends come and go. Isn’t the secret not to try to resist change but to work with it to get the best. And as for “issues”, although it’s hard, we need to keep an inter-related overview. That also demands a gathering of all the facts before boarding the band-wagons.



Eunice

I was on the back page picture and was found by several readers. The winner of the £5 prize was **Lochlen Kirkbride** of Hawes. Where am I this month?

Footpath closures

Because of building work on the new housing scheme just opposite Hawes Creamery, the right of way across and up to Mossy Lane is closed off at the bottom end. This is initially for 6 months; the housing will come very close to the track off Gayle Lane. The right of way along to Aysgill Force beyond Gayle is still closed where it crosses the steep and slipping bank but there is hope of a strengthened and slightly diverted route for this long-standing problem.

At Shaw Paddock on the road from the Moorcock Inn to Kirkby Stephen, the route to Hell Gill is only closed to vehicles; pedestrians are not affected.

Drop-off points and contacts

for news, articles, reports, letters, what's on dates, competition entries, suggestions and comments:

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West Burton: + postal subs	Nadine Bell, Margaret's Cottage. 663559
Newbiggin:	Lynda Bayne, Meadow Barn. 663324
Aysgarth:	Garage. 663199
Redmire:	Ann Holubecki. 622967
Thoralby:	Elaine Miller, P.O. 663205

This month's competition

"Fill the Gap"

Example: Round (ABOUT) Turn

Blue	()	Bull
Bi	()	Point
Don	()	Ring
Map	()	Load
Robin	()	Wink
Kirkby	()	Fry
Arm	()	Man
West	()	Constable
Ribble	()	Teacher
Clarence	()	Martin
Blank	()	Book
Hat	()	at ease
North	()	Pudding
Blue	()	Pan
Foot	()	oon
Mile	()	Box
Lip	()	Insect
Sheep	()	Stick

Last month's answers

- 1,2 Buckle my shoe
- 5,6 Pick up sticks
- 2 Turtle doves (and a partridge in a pear tree)
- 10 Commandments
- 562 Dales in Yorkshire
- 6 Square root of thirty-six
- 25 Five squared
- 8 Kilometres in five miles (approx.)
- 702 Height of Buckden Pike (metres)
- 190 Length of Coast to Coast walk (miles)
- 65 Pension age (men at present)
- 5 Notes in the pentatonic scale
- 4 Farthings in an old penny
- 11 Letters in "Wensleydale"
- F14 VD February 14 Valentine's Day
- 20 Teams in the Barclay Premiership

Craven College at Askrigg

Most Upper Wensleydale households should now have received a copy of the current courses available, the green leaflet.

Not all courses have started as advertised so please get in touch if you would like to register your interest - even if the advertised time does not suit. We try to be flexible and find a time that is suitable for everyone.

We currently have three courses that are very close to starting but need a few more people before we can start, these are:

Line Dancing for beginners (most likely Thursday evenings)

Web Page Design (Wednesday evenings)
'Prime Time' - exercise for the over 55s (Monday mornings).

For more information please contact Colin Bailey **650060/ 07711211169**

Yorebridge Sport and Fitness Askrigg

Dates for your diary - The Easter Holidays see the introduction of our brand new 'Multi-Sport Activity Sessions' which are aimed at introducing a range of different sporting activities for 6-10yrs and 11-15yrs.

There will be two two-hourly sessions held on **April 12th** and **19th** which will focus on Football and Basketball.

For further details see letters coming home via Primary Schools or contact **Richard Shuffleton 650060/ 07968 606571**

Other Yorebridge activities:
Annual Family BBQ, Saturday April 29th from 5pm till 9pm.
Party On Pitch, Saturday July 22nd
(Richard is featured on page 10)

Goodbye to Hawes

30 years ago Bob and I came to live in Hawes. It was a big change from a town like Birmingham. Mark, our younger son, came with us; our elder son, Jim, followed a few years later.

Both boys married local girls, giving us two wonderful daughters in law. Between them they have given us the wonderful gift of four grandchildren.

While living in Hawes we have had a good life, making many friends over the years. But now, with the help of the family and not forgetting Bright's Removals, we have moved to Morecambe.

Many thanks to friends and neighbours for their cards, presents and good wishes.

Pat and Bob Facer

J.M.W. Turner visits his Georgian Dentist

The artist JMW Turner (1775-1851) visited Yorkshire many times and is best remembered in the North for his landscapes and his engravings in early Yorkshire history guides. Currently many of his local views are on show until May 14th at the Bowes Museum.

What Turner is less well known for are his 'narrative' paintings depicting everyday working life in different locations, most of which also depicted a moral story. What has recently been brought to public view is a rare painting dated 1806 depicting the practice area and laboratory of a London dentist. Geoff Keeble, a retired Consultant oral surgeon with an interest in dental history will be using this painting as an illustration of what dentistry was like in the early 19th century. His talk about early dentistry is entitled as the above heading and starts at 7.30pm on April 21st. Visitors are welcome (£1 donation to FDCM funds)

The British Dental Association Museum has kindly lent some old dental extraction instruments which will be demonstrated! No local anaesthetic of course- - that did not come until 1880! We are talking of a time two hundred years in the past but already the 'town dentists' looking after the upper classes were using silver amalgam for filling teeth. Some three years before Turner's painting an English orthodontic text book had been published showing drawings of fixed appliances and elastic bands to move the teeth, just as is done to this day.

Christian Aid Week **Hawes area**

It will soon be May and our opportunity to support Christian Aid as a community. This year it begins on **Sunday May 14th** when there will be a united service in St.

Margaret's Church at **10.30 am** The coffee morning will be as usual in the Methodist Church rooms on **Tuesday May 16th from 10.00 am to noon** with cakes, bring and buy and *Traidcraft* stalls.

During the week there will be the house to house collection. The committee meeting is **Thursday April 20th at 4.30pm** in the Hawes Methodist rooms.

Linda Butters

New life for the Moorcock Show

For the last 90 years the Moorcock Show has been an important sheep show based between Hawes and Garsdale Head. Since foot and mouth the show has seen a slow demise and has become purely a prestigious sheep show; this year, however, that is all set to change!

Based in Mossdale we have revived the Ladies' committee and are looking forward to creating a larger show with fun for all of the family. The focus will be on the sheep, which have always been the most important part but there will be ladies' and children's produce displays, competitions, a free bouncy castle, and a whole lot more to entertain and educate making one of the Dales oldest country shows a day to remember.

The highlight of the show's history was a visit from Prince Charles during the 1980s and our dream would be to build the show back up to its former glory and perhaps have another Royal to visit for the 95th or even the 100th show.

We have a very strong committee and offer a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join at this exciting stage in the show's history. An especially warm welcome will be made to anyone who can spare a few hours to help the Ladies' committee on the day or who could help make small items to sell and raise funds.

This year's show is on Saturday September 2nd. Contact for any interested parties: Kelly at the new *Good Life* Shop in Hawes.(07870 581919.) **Cathy Casey**
The Moorcock Show Ladies Committee

Salsa dancing classes

... are to commence in Hawes Market Hall around April 19th. Please contact:

Sue Wood 667192

Come and celebrate!

It's our first Anniversary! Community Office and Library, along with Police and District Council, have been working together in Hawes for a year. We're having an open afternoon with tea and coffee on **April 5th, between 1.00 and 4.00 pm**

You'd think everyone would have heard of us by now, but let us tell you that a couple with a child called in having lived in Askrigg for six years full time, and said "Oh, we didn't know there was a library here". But lots of people do know; in fact because we've such a high turnover of DVDs we are allowed the top ten blockbusters. A student came in and said "Gosh, this is better than Headingley, big city library." So we feel justified in taking up space to give you a list of what we provide. We'd like to collate a list of Clubs and Associations in the area, so we need to know who you are and where you meet, so come and tell us.

Also, we have many enquiries for accommodation for seasonal workers, often from Europe, who look for a place they can afford, perhaps a spare room in a family home. Let us know if you'd like to be on a list.

Carnival mask-making workshop; Hawes Gala

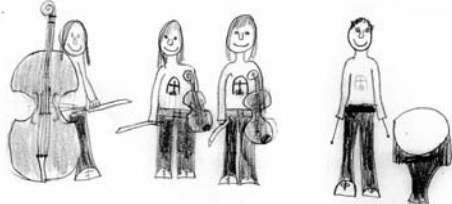
This will take place at the Legion Room, White Hart, Hawes from 10.00 am to noon on **Wednesday, April 12th**. All materials will be provided by the Gala committee. Places must be booked; £2.50 adults; £1.50 per child. **667192 or 667206**

Community Resources Centre Facilities available

- *Library books, DVDs, videos and free access to computers for library member, whose membership is free.
- *Photocopy, FAX and laminate service.
- *Rent, council tax, fines and business rates collection
- *Top-ups for electricity key, mobile phone card, TV licence and payment of many bills using our PayPoint.
- *Benefits advice surgery helping with claims, housing, business grants.
- *Travel vouchers, concessionary bus passes and car park season tickets.
- *Free phone calls to the RDC, and message service to all departments
- *Bookings and enquiries for the Hawes Market House
- *Lap Top and Power-point loan service, borrow free.
- *Job Vacancies file. C.A.B. on request
- *Lifelong Learning advisor based here, who can arrange courses of all types.
- *MP's regular surgery
- *Two meeting rooms for hire.
- *Business Link access point and Connexions access point for young people.

ASKRIGG SCHOOL NEWS

At the Wensleydale Tournament



On March 14th Mrs Hartley took lots of children who were in the orchestra to play at the tournament. We had a brass section and a big orchestra. We played *Midnight Train* and got 86 points.

On Wednesday March 15th the choir went and sang lots of different songs; a two-part, a round, an action song and a unison song. The most difficult was the round and my favourite was the action song. We won two trophies, a shield and a silver plate.



News from Yorebridge

The Sports facilities in Askrigg are gearing up for spring with the appointment of the new **Sport and fitness development co-ordinator**.

Richard Shuffleton, 23, from Sheffield was appointed at the beginning of March. He graduated from Sheffield Hallam University in Sports Development and Coaching, a course including sports science and management, and a study of coaching levels and techniques in various European countries, especially relating to encouraging young people. So he's ready with ideas for Yorebridge.

Richard played football for Sheffield schoolboys and badminton for Sheffield and England; he coached with Sheffield United (qualified level 2) and also in badminton and basketball. Typical of many Yorkshire families he came with his hiking-parents to the dales and elsewhere and is a holder of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. He is living in Darlington at present and his girl-friend works in Middlesbrough.

After graduation, while working with HSBC, he was involved, voluntarily, for a year in "Mentoring for Sporting Futures", a joint venture with the Police, aimed at creating safer communities through sport with young people while also developing their social skills.

Although at the moment Yorebridge is being used mainly for football (Askrigg and Hawes F.C. and an over-40s group) and by schools, as spring arrives other activities are being booked: tennis, netball, recreational basketball, and it looks as though cricket mats and nets will be provided. The area is designed so that two activities can proceed at the same time.

Other plans are for a 5-a-side football league, tennis for the over-55s, and a

programme of activities for Easter. And Richard's brief is not limited to the Yorebridge site, but covers all aspects of fitness and sport in the area. His "in"-phrases are 'Access for all, at all times, for all ages' and 'Healthy body, healthy mind', as he points out that the facilities can be booked for any time between **7.00 am and 10.00 pm every day**. "How about a quick game before work or at lunchtime" he says. Casual changing facilities are available. Charges for tennis, for example, doubles for an hour, work out at £1.50 per person, the same for 8-a-side football on the whole area, plus a bit more if you need the flood-lighting, and a discount for a 5-week block booking. Full details of charges and bookings from **07968 606571, 650060 or e-mail:**

A.S.W.

**Bainbridge and District
Motor Club**

The new season started off with a Motor-ing Quiz in February. This was organised by Ian Betteridge and all 35 entrants who attended had an enjoyable evening. The proceeds were donated to charity.

A Table Top Rally is due to take place on March 15th. The first outdoor rally is to be held on April 19th and is being organised by Muriel Lambert and Netta Davison.

Telephone: **650220 or 650204** for details. All Welcome.

Please note these forthcoming dates of events

April 19th	Ladies & Members Rally
May 17th	12 Village Rally
June 21st	Summer Rally
July 19th	Canny Rally
August 16th	Signpost Rally
September 20th	Nat Hutchinson Rally

Before I lose my marbles

**Entertainment in the Dales - many
yesterdays ago**

Michael Weatherald remembers

In my octogenarian years perhaps I should record some of my recollections of entertainments in the Dales some sixty to seventy years ago.

No television of course; a few wirelesses- 'radio' was only used as an adjective i.e. 'Radio Times'- and only limited programmes from long-wave Daventry and North Region broadcast from a transmitter at Moorside Edge; no transmission before the daily service at 10-30am; no news before 6.00pm; and on Sunday only religious broadcasts and sacred music!

I remember my father buying a "Burndept" Portable Wireless - a mahogany case with hinged lid for the speaker, with dry battery and acid accumulator (non-spill). One winter's Saturday afternoon he proudly carried it down to the joiner's shop and invited his many friends to join him and listen around the coke stove to a Military Band !

But we had some highlights of live entertainment; I lived in the final years of the travelling circus. Back in 1931 the circus arrived in Askrigg - posters had been displayed some days before. A marquee was erected in Parkins Garth - where the small housing complex is now. It was one night only, two performances at 6.00 and 8.30 pm; in we went to sit on the tiered seating around the ring, a narrow board, no back and down below the grass and cow dung!

The star of the evening was the unridable mule. Askrigg had many up and coming confident young farmers (sadly few of them still with us) and they were well-acquainted with the working horse on the

farm so they would show the audience that any animal would have to submit to them and were invited into the ring. Each in turn mounted the mule; each time the mule reared up its hind quarters and disposed of the rider. However, Ted came along; poor Ted was not endowed as his yeoman colleagues and was not noted for shrewd judgement. Until Ted went into the ring the mule reigned "unridable". Ted walked up to the animal - spoke to no one - no smile but equally no concern. He mounted the animal but sat on its neck - so no matter how the rear quarters came up Ted sat supreme. The trophy for success a "Silver" cigarette case.

Young boys including myself were invited to ride the real circus horse which cantered round the ring at speed. The horse halted and we were soon astride: no saddle, no reins, bare back; but we were attached by a rope to a revolving pole which followed the horse around the ring, and inevitably we fell off to be suspended in mid air to the hilarious laughter of the Askrigg audience.

As the final performance closed I can still visualize them taking the tent down around us as we moved out. It was 10 pm and they were setting off to walk the two elephants (no lights) the 12 miles to Leyburn.

I was taken to Robert's Circus in Penny Garth, Hawes, and my one recollection of this event was of a charming young circus girl putting on a head scarf and being carried round the ring by the elephant holding her carefully in its mouth. It gently put her down on the ring side and she removed her headscarf and took a bow to an enthralled audience. Alas I also recall some months later reading in the press that while performing the act in Lincolnshire she was killed by the elephant. I remember going to a circus on Bainbridge village green and my father used to tell me of a

circus marquee that was erected in the centre of Askrigg on the cobble area with the village pump in the centre of the ring!

In the early 1950s Mary, my late wife, took my two daughters to Chippendales' Circus in Darlington. I think a coach must have been organised as many families went. No anecdotes of the circus, but two weeks later virtually every child who had gone to the circus had chicken pox.

We also had theatrical entertainment in the Village Hall. From time to time a travelling troupe would come and put on a different play every evening. The titles were all old favourites (which would not attract royalties), some sad and tearful and others hilarious. I remember *East Lyne*, *Maria Martin— the Murder in the Red Barn*, *Love on the Dole*, *Charley's Aunt*, and another favourite— *All quiet on the Western Front*. Some of the actors might play three parts!

Other parties would bring along a variety show, usually for three nights, including popular songs with the audience joining in and perhaps three or four dancing girls. Invariably there would be the girl incarcerated in the black trunk, bound, gagged, blindfolded, then the lid closed, padlocked and sealed. She then appeared, to a crescendo of applause, from behind a screen— a trick still being enacted today and no-one ever appears to see how it all works. The one act I still remember was the strong man, “Martin Breedis”. He came on stage in his silver-studded briefs and soft leather knee-length shoes. Forming a human stool with arms and bent knees he had a board placed on his chest and abdomen. On to this was lifted the village hall piano, and as if that wasn't enough we were asked to sit on the board around it. Having recovered from the ordeal with the piano, a two inch thick plank and a box of six inch nails were brought on to the stage.

Quite unconcerned, Martin hammered the nails through the plank not with a hammer but with a duster wrapped round the palm of his hand!



The artistes stayed in the most basic of lodgings and even then had difficulty in paying their way. It was a very hard life for them, but life was hard for many, many Dales folk in those days; nevertheless, happy, happy days in Askrigg.

Easter

What is Easter about?

I've asked this question before and decided that apart from time off and family it is also about the man Jesus and what he did and why he did it.

But how do we understand this today when we don't see crucified people along the roadside and we can (just about?!) say and do what we like?

I've just spent the last four out of five weeks with my leg in pot because I broke my ankle walking the dog. In this time I have had offers of help from people in the parish and beyond. Offers to walk the dog, take me where I need to go, cook me food, do my washing etc etc. People have brought me food and company, fun and laughter as well as sympathy and understanding.

I did not ask for any of this, the help came the moment people found out. When Jesus gave up his life because he believed that love is the key to all things, lived out in help and inclusion, acceptance and understanding, he showed us how to be fully human and to stand up for a loving way of life. His resurrection shows us that that way of being cannot be snuffed out by those who cannot handle it and how they feel because of it.

The people who gave up their time and effort for my sake have lived this out in their way, perhaps without knowing exactly what they have done. But for me they are living what Jesus went to the cross to show us. They are living out the Easter message. Thank you.

Rev Ann Chapman

Can Your House Stones Speak?

Most houses in the Dales have an in-built story, found in the structure itself and in the lives of their inhabitants. If you are curious to know more about such vernacular matter, perhaps relating to your own house, then David Robert can put you on the trail in two full day workshop sessions entitled "Tracing the History of Houses" on Saturdays May 6th and June 10th, starting at 10am. The course is designed to help you set about investigating the history of houses and the people who lived there, with a follow-up allowing discussion of the classes' findings.

All are welcome to these WEA Meetings

to be held in Askrigg Primary School East End. The cost will be £19 (full fee), £15 (concessionary for over 60s) or £2 (under 19 and claimants). Enrolment will be at the first session.

For further information contact **Dennis Brown 663280**

Refuse collections over Easter

Please note that from Good Friday, April 14th to Friday April 21st the District Council's dustbin emptying days will be **one day later**. That includes the two Saturdays.

A similar arrangement applies over the Bank Holidays, May and August.

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Accounts March 2005 –February 2006	
Income	
Balance b/f	7403.93
Donations and postal subs	349.00
Boxes	1666.00
Adverts	7130.00
Interest	202.48
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	16751.41
Expenditure	
Production costs	2695.75
Committee expenses and honoraria	572.29
Software; computer services	486.25
Office rental	220.00
Donations and distribution costs	1385.00
Prizes	209.00
New box labels etc.	110.48
Printer maintenance	379.35
Bursary student	250.00
Book grant scheme	671.98
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	6980.10
Balance c/f: 9771.31	
P.H.J.	
<i>The balance in hand is needed in case the printing machine or computers need replacing. We are most grateful for the community's continued strong support and the varied contributions of many people. If you would like a copy of the annual report from the AGM or have any questions, please contact us. A.S.W.</i>	

Survey producing surprising results

Observant readers in the Raydale area have told us of small-scale, semi-secret, geological and geophysical work being carried out with a view to future small-scale reservoirs to meet the increasing problems associated with far less rainfall in many areas. Many dales areas are unsuitable because of the soluble limestone, but Raydale having Semerwater to prove it, makes a good possible site.

One surprising and quite different outcome (in an appendix to the main report) comes from work in Semerwater itself, where the legend of a drowned village seems after all to be based upon fact. The age of some primitive structures un-earthed beneath the floor of the lake is “hard to determine” but does suggest that once there was a thriving community with its own customs in the shallow valley bottom. Rather like the small stone circle near Yockenthwaite, remains have been charted of a similar arrangement towards the southwest end of the lake. Circles of various materials come to light from time to time, but the significance of this one, the report says, is that remains have also been found nearby of what can only be described as primitive musical wind instruments shaped out of stone indicating the possibility of the earliest circle dancing site in the Dales and possibly even in the U.K.

The interim report can be viewed on the website of the **National Institute for Terrestrial Surveys (NITS)**.

**Over the threshold?
No, over the Buttertubs!**

Are you visitors?" was the quite usual question to ask as five young people came in to the Marie Curie Coffee morning held in the Hawes Methodist rooms a couple of weeks back. "We're getting married", said two of them, and the unusual plans plus a number of 'hitches' gradually emerged.

Stephen Davies, from Plymouth, and his bride-to-be Ute Heller from Germany had met while working with people with learning difficulties in Scotland, but Stephen, like so many others having walked the Pennine Way, had also fallen in love with the area around us here. All of the group also like to use public transport, so the plan was reasonable enough: come up using public transport for a gathering in the Pennine Way village of Thwaite; Tuesday bus over to Hawes Market; connecting bus to Leyburn for the ceremony (to be followed by later full celebration in Germany).

"The best laid plans..." First, the Settle to Carlisle line hastily closed from Helli-field to Appleby for weeks for major works; many people caught out or disadvantaged by the very different bus-replacement times; second, the heaviest snowfall of the winter! No wonder the group had called in to the warm cheerful coffee day— they had had to walk over from Thwaite! It was bad on the tops.

It was after 11.00 am when the couple, their two witnesses and another intrepid friend thought it time to get the Post Bus as the time fixed in Leyburn was at 12.30 pm. Did they get there? Who knows; but as they've asked for a copy of the Newsletter maybe they will write and tell us. Not the usual wedding day! **A.S.W.**

“Our voices”

Would you like your voice to be heard in a local dialect project? Craven College has been successful in gaining Heritage Lottery Funding for the 'Our Voices' project. 'Our Voices' aims to investigate and analyse the use of dialect in the Yorkshire Dales.

The project will explore and document the way people in the Dales have used language to forge identity.

How can I get involved?

The 'Our Voices' team is interested in hearing from you if you feel that you have something to contribute to the project. They are looking for groups of people to interview about the local area and the dialect words they use, or are familiar with. Samples of the material collected will be used for an interactive museum exhibit and a permanent resource at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes.

If you are interested in taking part in 'Our Voices' please call the Project Co-ordinator, **Jo Cremins on 01423 701722**

Portrait of John Pratt

Founder of the Kings Arms, Askrigg.

Can anyone help find the whereabouts of a portrait of John Pratt that used to hang in the Kings Arms Pub?

The Holiday Property Bond have recently acquired the Pub and renamed the restaurant “Pratts” in honor of its founder, and would like to see the painting reinstated in its rightful home.

If any one has any information about this, or if you happen to be the current owner of the painting, The Holiday Property Bond would like to hear from you. Please contact **Marion** in confidence on **652000**.

Well done, Laura

Laura Mason, Hawes, took part in **World Vision 24 hour famine** on March 17th-19th to raise money to help train farmers and teenagers from the Bontho region in Sierra Leone.

Laura raised a total of £120.30 and she would like to say thank you to everyone who sponsored her, and a special thank you to Stephen and Linda at the Hawes Post Office who collected sponsors for her.

Marie Curie did well, too

Thank you to all who helped in any way at the coffee morning for **Marie Curie Cancer Care** on March 14th in the Hawes Methodist rooms.

The total raised including donations and street collection came to £411.00.

Kath Kenneally

Air ambulance to the rescue

Two ambulances and the fire engine rushed to the Hawes cemetery on Sunday afternoon, March 19th, to a motor cycle accident. Soon after, the Yorkshire Air Ambulance came over the horizon also. Not needed, it was immediately diverted to Simonstone and the Buttertubs road where a cyclist had sustained a couple of nasty fractures. He was soon in Airedale Hospital.

As our area has several fund-raising events for the charity, they have agreed to send us feedback from time to time on local rescues. ***The coffee morning and stalls run by the Hawes area churches last week raised £360***

Friends of Gayle Mill

There has been visible progress in the restoration work at the mill in the last few months.

The scaffolding has been removed and the shell of the building can now be seen in all its resurgent splendour. The rebuilding of the timber section of the leat is nearly finished and work on the header tank is well advanced. The outbuildings, including the old engine shed, await completion of the roofing work. The refurbishment of the old crane which is such a familiar feature of the front view of the mill is nearly finished. It has become almost a trademark of Gayle Mill and although it will not be put to practical use on safety grounds it will remain in place as a recognizable symbol of the mill's workaday past.

Inside the mill the ground floor has been lined and re-laid level, the flagstones being numbered and carefully replaced in their original positions. A very encouraging achievement has been the installation of the refurbished water turbines and associated generators which will eventually supply the power to operate the machinery. In periods of low water flow the power supply will be taken from the grid for which purpose a new cable is in place but not yet connected. The intention is to maintain some of the original woodworking machinery in working order, but only for occasional demonstration purposes as of course it does not meet current health and safety standards. A new lighting system has been installed.

Inevitably, the original time-scale for completion of all the complicated work necessary has proved rather optimistic and the expected date for handing over the mill to the Gayle Mill Trust has had to be revised again. There is however a feeling of cautious optimism that the great day will at last dawn within the next few months when

the old building can come to life again.

When that happens there will be an urgent need for volunteers to join a rota to conduct small parties of visitors round the mill. If any reader would like to indicate their willingness to support the project in this way please telephone **Peter Burrage** (Chairman of the Friends of Gayle Mill) on **650726**

Hugh Bridgman



Mystery picture. Last month's picture was of West New House in Bishopdale (from the Geoffrey Wright collection; used with permission) and correctly identified by some readers. Where are we this month?

Plea to dog owners

Dog owners are being asked to help make life easier for lambs and ground-nesting birds and their young for the next five months by keeping their pets on leads.

The Countryside and Rights of Way (CRoW) Act came into force in the Yorkshire Dales last May, making a whopping 62% of new land in National Park accessible to the public for the first time. Much of this area is the habitat of ground-nesting birds like the Skylark, the Red Grouse, the Curlew, the Lapwing and the Oystercatcher and is used by sheep farmers.

As the bird breeding season and lambing time begin, the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority is reminding owners that, under the Act, all dogs on Open Access land must be on a lead no more than two metres long.

Grow a spud in a bucket!

Feedback from last year's Askrigg and District Produce Show suggested that it would be a good idea to have a class in the two younger children's sections to grow something. Using an idea used at the Thornton Rust Show, we decided to challenge children to grow potatoes in a bucket.

Recently I have popped into both Askrigg and Bainbridge Schools to explain the idea to the children, but the main purpose of this article is to mention it to those local children who don't attend those schools.

People living outside the combined parishes of Askrigg, Bainbridge and Low Abbotside can enter as "guest" exhibitors.

Large paint buckets are being provided by local decorators Dave Alderson and Brian Brown, and red Desiree seed potatoes have kindly been donated by Braithwaites Nursery at Leeming Bar. Over the Easter period interested children are having delivered a bucket and spud, along with growing tips and a reminder of the dates of the show (Monday August 28th) and registration (Thursday before). The buckets will be emptied at the Show and the winning entry will be decided on weight.

If you know of an Infant or Junior aged child who wants to have a go, give me a ring ASAP.

Dave Jackson (Chairman) 650483

World Book Day.

On Friday 3rd March we celebrated World Book day by dressing up as a character from a book.. We all got a book token. Mrs Brotherton dressed

up as Little Bo Peep and Mrs Bennet and Mrs Taylor dressed up as burglars.

WEST BURTON SCHOOL NEWS

Sally] and a Flutist [Clare] who came in and played some songs for us and we had to guess what they were playing. After that we asked some questions and we found out that a Harp varies in cost from £100 to £4500.

Footprints.

Irene Wise has been coming in and talking to us



about how we can make our ecological footprint smaller by throwing fewer things away and to reduce, reuse and recycle as many things as we can and by putting unwanted food in the compost bin. We also had Gordon from a company called Creeping Toad and he made plaster footprints by making a clay cast of a shoe or your bare foot and then putting plaster inside the cast. On the 16th March we went to the Hawes countryside Museum with a number of other schools and did some activities with Irene and to see our work on display to finish our project.

Surgery Consultative Group

The following is a brief overview of some points raised at the last meeting.

Following previous discussions, proposals were received about traffic calming measures at Aysgarth. These were discussed but no solution has as yet been decided.

With regards to payment by government for surgeries dispensing drugs in rural areas, neither the Primary Care Trust nor government will provide support. Therefore the shortfall of funds continues. At present all the doctors continue committed to the Dales practice.

It was reported that the four North Yorkshire Primary Care Trusts would be merged into one organisation by July 2006. A return to the 1997 situation after millions of pounds have been spent!

Flu vaccinations got off to a late start through no fault of the surgery. However all were administered in 8 days thanks to the hard work of the staff.

Currently the Government is promoting the development of "Choose and Book". This would allow patients to choose a hospital for treatment and book appointment times through the doctor. The surgery is moving slowly with this initiative as guidelines and specifications for computer software keep being changed. It's a case of watch this space!

The subject of the length of time it takes to get digital hearing aids was raised. Dr West explained that neighbouring health authorities had piloted digital aid use and therefore their patients didn't have to wait as long. The practice is constantly discussing the delays with audiology.

Other items were discussed at the November meeting. Copies of the full minutes are available at the Hawes Community Office. **Ann Wood**

Early postal services in Wensleydale

Museum Friends event

We take for granted the speed of communication afforded by computer technology. It was, therefore, fascinating to realise from Peter Annison's talk to the Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum how far we have progressed since King Charles I set up a "running-post" in 1635 to carry mail between London and Ireland.

Post boys on horseback collected and delivered mail at the horse post stages on the five Elizabethan post roads covering England and Wales. All mail went to London for sorting, the Wensleydale post then being carried on the Berwick-on-Tweed post road as far as Northallerton, thence via Bedale to Hawes, evidenced by the postmarks on letters exhibited by Peter. Letters usually consisted of single sheets without envelopes to cut down on the exorbitant charge of 6d each, for payment by the recipient on delivery.

However, a brief coded message near the address often gave the information needed, hence the letter was handed back unpaid for. Mail coaches replaced post boys but the Post Office, legally established in 1660, continued to lose revenue.

It therefore decided in 1840 to introduce prepaid adhesive stamps, which were paid for by the sender, and applied to all letters. So Rowland Hill's "Penny Black" became the forerunner of the system operating today. **Sheila Thompson**

Gift day success

The kitchen refurbishment fund at Aysgarth Methodist Church received a splendid boost last week when the Gift Day and refreshments raised £930 plus gift aid.

Grateful thanks to all who contributed.

tanner' (an old sixpence). This innovation would provide the public with fish and chips **and** a tanner. April seems a good time to begin.

Your Voice: Your Future

We are a group of 10 students from the Wensleydale School who have been successful in our applications to a regional competition. As a result of this we will be able to air our views on the radio. This has all come about due to the 'Your Voice: Your Future' competition that was put together by the Richmondshire District Council. The concept of this project is to bridge the gap between the younger and older generations of our area, breaking down stereotypes and promoting community cohesion. When the project is complete we intend to organise days where older and younger people can come together and do jobs that will mutually benefit both sides and the community as a whole. In addition to this, local radio stations shall broadcast our programme throughout the area.

Ben Jowett

Small is beautiful

As we have often said, one of the problems of our area is that with such a small population it is not possible for each village to provide every kind of service.

An innovative diversification scheme which could fill a gap is being considered—a mobile tanning booth. The obvious way to provide this service, where heat and power are already to hand, and people have a few minutes' waiting time on their hands, is in conjunction with the mobile fish and chip van. Experimental van-alterations are taking place in other areas.

Our oldest readers will remember when fish and chips could be bought 'for a

New Break Free Centre for people with dementia and their carers

A new centre for people with dementia and their carers will be opened on April 28th. It will be a nice friendly place for people to drop in for a coffee and a chat, also various activities are planned which people can participate in if they wish. The new service is a development of the information service held at the community office in Leyburn which will close after April 21st.

The centre will be open on market day – Friday – from 10am to 1pm and lunch can be arranged. It will be held in the Quaker meeting room in Leyburn (on the right, by the car park, on the way up towards Thornborough Hall). People with dementia can be cared for while their carers do some shopping. If you would like to use this service we need to know in advance – please contact Pam at the Alzheimer's society day centre in Richmond (**01748 825817**) – although you will not need to book for any particular day.

The centre will also remain as an information service, so if you would like any information about dementia and the services that are available, do call in.

If anyone would like to be involved in helping with the service, especially if you have experience of caring for someone with dementia, please contact **Penny Blanch 667573**

A service for families

Hardraw church is now holding a service especially designed for families, normally every first Sunday of the month at 9am. (This month on Palm Sunday, April 9th)

It is a short 30 minute communion service followed by refreshments and everyone is very welcome to come. The service is easy to follow and particularly suits young people and children but would also suit

anyone who likes to keep things simple!

If you would like to join us one morning you will be made very welcome.

Swaledale visits Wensleydale

This year's Swaledale Festival, from Friday May 26th – Sunday June 11th, will for the first time hold concerts in churches at Bellerby and Ulshaw Bridge. Other Wensleydale venues include the Quaker Meeting House at Bainbridge, West Burton Village hall and churches at Aysgarth, Stalling Busk, Wensley and West Witton.

The Reg Vardy Band launches the Festival in Grinton and later local favourites Reeth Brass and the Muker Silver Band raise the roof.

The centrepiece, the Complete Shostakovich String Quartets, marking 100 years since the composer's birth, features international ensembles including the Borodin, Brodsky, Fitzwilliam, and Rasumovsky Quartets.

The Traditional music line-up includes Ashley Hutchings, creator of Steeleye Span, with the Cecil Sharp Songbook; Dochas five women from Scotland, Australian-based Eric Bogle, Swedish folksinger Ulrika Boden and the High Level Ranters.

Dutch jazz trio De Jongens Driest makes a welcome return and Respectable Groove blend baroque and jazz, whilst Raga Nova add jazz and samba to the North Indian raga. There is a special Estonia Day celebrating 'The Singing Revolution', and a free day of fun for all the family on Monday May 29th on Reeth Green including street theatre, a quoits challenge and local bands.

Fans of **Flanders and Swann** will enjoy '**At the Drop of a Hippopotamus**' at various venues and there is a new production at the Georgian Theatre Royal, Richmond – '**Eating the Peach – when Mozart met Michael Kelly**'.

Add to this **Art in the Pub** - exhibitions

by local artists in pubs throughout the Dales, **Art in the Pub Crawls**, workshops and guided walks and you have an exciting package with wide appeal.

For full details of all the events check out our website www.swaledale-festival.org.uk or ring **01748 880018** for a free programme. Tickets, available from local Tourist Information Centres, will be on sale from early April.

April gardening



During April the garden seems to take off all on its own. All that earlier planning and preparation is now put to the test and suddenly away it goes. There's no time to be complacent though as gardening is all about thinking ahead, and this month can be a busy one - pruning spring flowering shrubs, taking control of weeds, preparing for slugs and snails, and hardening off seeds planted earlier.

There's still time, however, to admire whatever is in bloom already and not just the flowers and blossom. Some foliage for instance is quite eye catching at this time of the year. *Pieris* for example has beautiful shiny orange and red buds; maples are probably at their prettiest and the clear yellow leaves of *Valeriana phu "Aurea"* just emerging will rival any daffodil display. Daffodils will continue with their brilliant show this month and thinking ahead, summer bulb displays can be planted now - such as wood hyacinths, lilies, star of Bethlehem and gladioli etc. Dahlia tubers can be potted up indoors ready to go outside in early summer. Two new varieties *Fuzzy Wuzzy* and *Boogie Woogie* look really eye-catching and fun to try.

Slugs and snails can be a real pest this time of year. They love fresh growth and in particular new lily shoots. It's also a good idea to spray roses for blackspot if it was present last year. Weeds are beginning to shoot up as well. It's best not to let weeds like groundsel, chickweed or bittercress set seed so a quick hoe, particularly if the ground is dry, will do the trick. A good 4-inch mulch usually deters most weeds for a couple of years but if that fails then very careful use of a chemical spray is often the only answer, particularly for things like

bindweed or nettles. Bindweed can be very pernicious but one trick is to encourage it to grow up canes, then lay it down over a sheet of polythene where it can be thoroughly sprayed with a hand held spray. It's possible to eradicate in one season this way.

Any seedlings in the greenhouse or cold frame can begin the hardening off process.

The sugar content in a plant's cells determines how well it will survive cold temperatures acting like an anti-freeze. If sown under glass or on a window sill the plants will lack sufficient amounts needed and this must be increased by hardening them off. Easy ones to do are *brassicas* and hardy annuals. Simply pop outside for a few hours each day in the warmest part of the garden at the warmest time. Gradually extend this time outside and within 2/3 weeks they should be ready to plant out permanently. This doesn't apply to half-hardy annuals or other tender veg. as no amount of hardening off will protect them

from a really cold snap. They need to wait until all risk of frost has passed before going outside.

It's a lovely time of year to be outdoors - the garden can give so much pleasure this month. Happy gardening

Peduncle.

Doctors' rotas as supplied by the surgery

AYS GARTH SURGERY ROTA											Wb - week beginning	
Wb	03-Apr		10-Apr		17-Apr		24-Apr		01-May			
Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.		
Mon	A+F	A	F	F	C	C	A+J	J	C	C		
Tues	J+W	J+W	A+J	A	A+F	A	W	W	J+W	J+W		
Wed	F	F	F	F	J	J	J	J	A+F	A		
Thur	J	J	J	J	A	A	W	W	J+W	W		
Fri	A	A	C	C	F	F	J	J	A	A		
Sat	Emergency service only											
Doctors: A - Arblaster, F - France, J - Jones, W - West, C - Closed												
Morning Surgery: 9.00 - 10.30 a.m. (no appointments)												
Afternoon Surgery: 4.00 - 5.30 p.m. (appointment only)												
For appointments and all enquiries ring 663222												

HAWES SURGERY ROTA											Wb - week beginning	
Wb	03-Apr		10-Apr		17-Apr		24-Apr		01-May			
Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.		
Mon	J+W	J+W	A+J	A+J	C	C	W	W	C	C		
Tues	A+F	A	F	J	J	J	A+J	A+J	A+F	A		
Wed	A	A	A	A	F	F	A	A	J	J		
Thur	F	F	A	A	J	J	A	A	F	F		
Fri	J	J	C	C	A	A	W	W	J+W	J+W		
Sat	Emergency service only											
Doctors: A - Arblaster, F - France, J - Jones, W - West, C - Closed												
Morning S'y: 8.45-10.15 Tues till 10.45 (no appointments)												
Afternoon S'y: 5.00-6.00 Tues 1.00-4.00 (appointments only)												
For appointments and all enquiries ring 667200												

Surgery News

The Dept of Health is imposing a new dispensing contract on rural doctors from April 1st. The main changes will be that the reimbursements received for medicines dispensed will be cut by a further 10.5%, & more seriously, there will be no reimbursement of VAT. This means that the practice can no longer afford to dispense some of the expensive medicines that are usually given by injection. Examples of these medicines are Zoladex & Risperdal Consta. Patients on these medicines will be issued with a prescription to obtain their medicine at the chemist. The practice will still perform the injections; it will just not be supplying the medication. Unfortunately patients who are not exempt from prescription charges will have to pay. For those who buy 'over the counter' medicines from surgery or pay privately for medicines not available on the NHS, you will have to pay VAT on these from April 1st. These changes are not of our making, they are part of a government campaign to redistribute funds away from rural general practice into the towns & cities. By taking away VAT reimbursements, the DoH gains £71 million. This may not sound like very much in terms of the whole NHS budget, but there are only 1200 rural dispensing practices in England, so it averages out at

nearly £60 000 per practice. This money is being allocated to all Primary Care Trusts in England at the rate of £1.34 per patient. In 2007 & beyond, the Treasury gets this money so it will not be available for patient care.

I have to tell you that coming on top of a year of drastic reductions in the reimbursements given for the medicines we supply, the latest reductions in funding are likely to have serious adverse effects on your practice. Should we be unfortunate enough to lose a doctor, we would not be in a position to appoint a replacement, so maintaining two full time surgeries would not be possible.



Heavens above

April's here and the bright stars of winter are mostly gone. Now, the proud figure of Leo prowls high in the south as darkness falls. The Lion's forequarters are outlined by a distinctive pattern of stars called 'The Sickle' with a bright, pure-white star, Regulus, at the base of its handle. To the east of Denebola, marking the end of his tail, you'll find the less prominent constellations of Virgo and Coma Berenices (Berenices' Hair). Virgo's leader, Spica, is another brilliant white star, but the constellation is chiefly famous for the vast numbers of faint, distant galaxies which lie in this part of the sky.

Further eastwards, kite-shaped Bootes - the Herdsman - led by orange-tinted Arcturus, is easier to pick out. SE of Arcturus is the fainter horseshoe shaped constellation of Corona Borealis - the Northern Crown - with the sturdy figure of Hercules, the legendary hero of the Ancient Greeks, clambering close behind. Forming the Hero's torso is a wedge-shaped group of 4 stars often called 'The Keystone'. On its western edge is M13, a globular cluster of thousands of densely packed stars, which you might just be able to pick out with good binoculars on a dark, moonless night.

Hanging high overhead in Spring are the familiar 7 stars of The Plough with the two pointer stars, Merak and Dubhe, showing the way to Polaris, the Pole Star. Over in the far north of the sky 'W'-shaped Cassiopeia is unmistakable, whilst in the north-east, the rich, star laden constellations of Cygnus and Lyra, after languishing low over the horizon during the winter months, are now beginning their climb to summertime prominence.

Low in the west, Mars, now only a 1st magnitude object amongst the stars of Gemini, rapidly disappears from view by

late evening but the ringed planet, Saturn, continues to put on a good show this month. You'll find it still reasonably well up in the SW in the dimmish constellation of Cancer not too far from the Beehive star cluster. Giant Jupiter, the Solar System's largest planet, rises well before midnight by the month's end, shining brilliantly in the SE against the stars of Libra.

Finally don't forget to keep an eye out for shooting stars during the last third of the month (especially around the nights of 22/23) when the annual Lyrid meteor shower reaches its peak. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

Dales Countryside Museum – April events

On **Friday April 21st**, Geoff Keeble will be giving a talk and demonstration entitled, “JMW Turner visits his Georgian dentist” See article on page 6. Steve Reeve will be exhibiting his photography in the John Baker Hall; “Changing Seasons” will be on show **until April.20th**

Tuesday April 4th, The Friends of the museum will be demonstrating woolcrafts in the museum foyer from 2.00 to 4.00 pm

Friday April 7th, Friends of the museum will be dressing up and talking about working in the Victorian kitchen, between 11.00 am and 4.00 pm

Sunday April 9th, Kate Trusson will be demonstrating north country techniques in Quilting. She will encourage you to have a go and there will be kits to buy. 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Thursday April 13th, Moira Metcalfe will demonstrate the art of painting Watercolour on Silk, from 1.00 to 4.00pm.

Wednesday afternoons, April 12th and 19th, children can come along and work on various craft activities. The event is free but booking is essential. **666210**.

Wednesday April 26th The Theatre of the Dales returns with “Two”, a play set in a pub full of ‘characters’. It starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £5.

From Saturday April 29th “The Dales, this special place” Photographic exhibition by Hilary Fenten.

Sunday April 30th, there will be a full day workshop in Digital Photography for beginners. Booking is essential for this event which will involve using your own equipment outdoors and some classroom work. There is a charge of £10. Please bring a packed lunch. **666210** to book.

The new building is now in the care of the **Upper Dales Child Care Partnership** and we are busy organising the lay out of the building covering all areas in a childlike, stimulating and friendly manner.



We have chosen a name for our new setting 'Dalesplay'. A children's competition was promoted to all schools within the upper dales. The aim was for the children to design a name accompanied with a logo for the two different age ranges we will look after. The winners are: Daniel Richardson 'Kidszone' (4-14yrs) and Mary and Bonnie Glendinning with 'Cuddles' (Birth-2yrs). Well done to everyone who entered the competition it was a very hard decision.

We have appointed new members of staff: Deputy Manager - Louise Cloughton, Play workers- Adelle Kilgallon, Amy Richardson and Yvonne Bell.

We are currently going through the process of Ofsted registration, tying up all the loose ends in order to open our doors as close to Easter as possible.

Open Days will be occurring at the beginning of April, where you will have an opportunity to talk to staff, pick up a prospectus and have a tour of the facility. Look out for advertisements.

Price List:

- Full Day Session £28
- Half Day Session £14
- Breakfast Club £3.50
- After School Club £8

We will be open from 8am until 6pm Monday to Friday. Closing on bank holidays, and an extended break between

Christmas and New Year.

If anyone has any questions, queries or would like a registration pack please don't hesitate to contact us at Dalesplay Tel/ Fax:) **667789**.

Can I take this opportunity to thank everyone who's donated any resources, time, support, and thank you for your patience.

The UDCCP organised a trip to Sunderland Empire to see the fantastical musical 'Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang. The show was amazing and all had a great night.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all the adults and children for attending especially the children for their outstanding good behaviour. It was a pleasure to organise.

Di Burton.

The following organisations have supported the work of the UDCCP
BBC Children in Need; Countryside Agency; EEC; Local Network Fund; New Opportunities Fund; Yorkshire Forward.

(This is a superb facility; we have seen the outside, and how it blends so well with the Hawes School. Inside, the layout and equipment are fantastic! -matched only by the enthusiasm of Di. A.S.W.)

HAWES SCHOOL NEWS

Triple Crown!

We've had a very busy time recently resulting in our school achieving the following three national awards:

The new **Healthy School Award** for the care and support we give our children

The **Basic Skills Quality Mark Award** for the very good provision in Literacy and Numeracy

The **Dyslexia Quality Mark** for our sensitive and thorough provision for pupils with varying degrees of dyslexia.

Mrs Woodyer would like to thank staff, governors, parents and all the volunteers who give us such wonderful support.

Class 3 and 4 Do Pied Piper !

On Monday class 3 set off to the museum at 9.15am we arrived at about 9.25am. When we got there we started by making instruments out of tin cans or yoghurt pots then we recorded our names and put them into different settings, one of the settings sounded like we were in a cave. After that we put our wellies on and set off to record sounds of streams, birds and crackling sticks.

When we got back to the museum we started to make a story with the recordings we made outside, it was about a chick called Chicken Charmaine and her adventures down a stream. We learnt a lot about how recordings are made and the processes you go through when making TV and radio programmes. We had a great time

Gail Rennison & Natasha Sharp

Cross Country

A team of four pupils went to Risedale to compete in the cross country. Becky Barns, Jordan Iveson, Lewis Moore and Ryan Richardson were the team that went. There was a delayed start because there were no toilets. The year fives went first; they had to run 1500 metres. Then it was our turn. We set off on the journey of 2000 metres. Lewis who was year 5 ran in the year 6 race. Jordan came 5th. Ryan came 11th. Lewis came 13th. Becky came 55th. There were about 140 people in the race. We all did very well.

Ryan Richardson

Footprints at Hawes

On Thursday year 5 and 6 went down to the museum to conclude the footprint project, we watched other schools' presentations about what they'd been doing. Then we did activities on how things affect animals in the dales and how our ecological footprints changed over time. Then we had a composition on which school had the least waste in their packed lunch. We won with 1.2g of rubbish per person and the highest amount was approximately 18g per person.

Amelia Hunter



The full membership of Eunice's Kent Fan club were stumped by the March Hiding place. However, a new 'southern' cell of Eunice's growing southern fan club federation - in Pinner, Harrow, came to the rescue and spent the weekend poring over the newsletter - both to catch up on all the news in Upper Wensleydale and to search for the elusive Eunice.

We are delighted that she has been successfully spotted - squeezed between the folds of what looks like a brief case on the back page - where she dignifies a cartoon focusing on monkeys!

Thank you for hours of entertaining reading about life in Wensleydale.

Best Wishes

Sheila Birkin

(Always delighted to hear from our oldest fan club. Ed)



The timetable for **April 1st to July 31st** is now available. Trains run at **11.35, 13.35, 15.35 and 17.35** from Redmire with connecting bus to Northallerton (*not Sundays*) and return from Leeming bar at **10.35, 12.35, 14.35 and 16.35**. As a general rule they run on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays but during the Easter and Spring Bank Holidays they are daily. A whole series of special events and celebrations is arranged for all ages, for example May 19th, the 150th anniversary of the opening of Leyburn Station. Full details in the leaflets from TICs or **08454 50 54 74** or www.wensleydalerrailway.com

Musical Extravaganza

The Rotary Club of Wensleydale, celebrating the 25th anniversary, invite you and your friends to an evening with Lakeland's own renowned organist **Paul Gregson.**

There will be a programme of popular music by favourite composers— Elgar, Lloyd-Weber, Sousa, Strauss and perhaps Swaledale songs and Songs of Praise.

This is in St. Oswald's Church, Askrigg, on **Friday April 7th at 7.30 pm.**

Admission by ticket costing £6.00 from **Michael T. Weatherald 650247,** Yoredale Cottage, Askrigg.

Proceeds will support local charities.

Beethoven in Gunnerside.

A performance of Beethoven's only oratorio "Christ on the Mount of Olives" sung in English, will take place in Gunnerside Methodist Chapel on Passion Sunday April 2nd at 6:30pm. by The Swale Singers.

It will be directed by Richard Brickstock and the organist is as usual Greg Smith. The soloists are soprano Val MacConachie (Angel), tenor Paul Smith (Christ) and bass Simon Tasker (St Peter).

This work has almost certainly never been heard live in the Dales and lovers of classical music are urged to seize the opportunity to hear this intense, moving, dramatic but sadly neglected masterpiece. There will be a collection for Chapel funds.

WHAT'S ON LISTING

April

- 1 Coffee morning, cake stall and raffle; Cross House, Carperby. 10.00 am to 12.30pm
- 1 Family Ceilidh; Askrigg village hall; 7.30 pm. Details and tickets: 650781
- 2 Swale Singers; Gunnerside. See p.35
- 4 Richmondshire District Council planning committee.
- 4 Fashion show; Thoralbly. See page 36
- 4 Hawes Drama Group reads "Chips with everything" by Arnold Wesker; Gayle Institute, 7.30 pm
- 5 Open day; Community office. See p. 8
- 7 Musical extravaganza; Askrigg. 7.30 pm See page 35
- 8 Wensleydale Society walk. Meet Hawes N.Pk. Car park. 663800 for details
- 9 Table top sale; Hawes Market Hall from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm Details and table-bookings: 667642
- 9 Winter walk. Worton- Mill Gill-Bainbridge. Meet Worton bus stop at noon.
- 11 YDNPA Planning committee. Bolton Abbey Village Hall. 10.30 am
- 12 Blood donor session; Hawes Market Hall. See next column
- 12 Air Ambulance event; Aysgarth Institute 2.00 pm see next column
- 12 Community minibus AGM; High Hall Bainbridge 7.30 pm
- 12 Mask-making workshop. See page 8
- 12+19 Special events at Yorebridge Sports; see page 5
- 14 Good Friday
- 16 Easter Day
- 17 Easter Monday; Church saleroom starts in West Witton; see page 36
- 18 Coffee morning and stalls; Hawes Methodist rooms, 10.00 am to noon
- 19 Bainbridge and District Motor Club meets; see page 11
- 21 Disco (following ladies' darts) 10.00 pm Fountain Hotel, Hawes. Tickets £5. Pay at the door.
- 21 Museum Friends meet; see page 6
- 26 East Witton Male Voice Choir: Spring Concert; Leyburn Methodist Hall

7.30 pm. Collection for Hospice Homecare

- 28 Yoredale Art Exhibition starts. See p. 36
- 28 New Break Free 'carers' centre opens in Leyburn; see page 26
- 28-May 1st St. Andrew's Flower Festival. See below
- 29 Family BBQ; Yorebridge Sports, Askrigg
- 30 Cream Teas; Redmire Village Hall from 2.00 to 5.00 pm

Yorkshire Air Ambulance: talk and teas; Aysgarth Village Hall Wednesday April 12th at 2.00 pm

**Murder Mystery
Play by Bainrigg Ladies
Askrigg Village Hall
Saturday April 15th 7.30pm; £4.00**

**HOW ABOUT A PINT?
The next blood donor session for the Upper Dales is on Wednesday April 12th in Hawes Market Hall 2.15 to 4.00pm and 5.00 to 7.00pm**

FLOWER FESTIVAL

"Days of Yore",

April 28th Preview 7.00-9.00 pm,
29th 10.00am to 5.30 pm, followed by Concert with Aysgarth Choral Society and Hawes Band at 7.30 pm
30th 12.30 to 5.30 pm and
Monday May 1st 10.00am to 5.30 pm

St Andrew's Aysgarth

Tickets for Preview and Concert from Pat Hesketh, 663420; Doreen Mason 663457; Hilary Davies 663461

**Advance notice
CARNIVAL QUIZ AND CUISINE
EVENING**

**Round the pubs of Hawes
Wednesday May 17th
Tickets £10 per place must be booked:
667192**

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For more information see Sue Wood or Mandy**

Holy Week and Easter: Special Church Services

Palm Sunday Redmire; 9.00am village hall breakfast; 9.40 am donkey procession to church for 10.00 am Joint service for Aysgarth and Bainbridge Methodists at Bainbridge; 10.30am

Holy Week at 7.30 pm: Monday at Preston; Tuesday at West Witton; Wednesday at Redmire; Maundy Thursday H.C. Aysgarth

Maundy Thursday 7.00 pm Foot-washing at St. Oswald's Askrigg; 7.30 pm H.C. at West Burton Methodist Church

Good Friday 9.30 am at Preston; 10.00 am at Castle Bolton; 2.00 pm at West Witton; 2.30 pm United Service for Aysgarth at St. Andrew's.

United Walk of witness for Hawes and Gayle; 10.00 am from Gayle; service at 11.00 am in Hawes Methodist Church. Vigil from noon in St Margaret's.

Stations of the Cross; from 1.30 pm at St Oswald's, Askrigg

Saturday 8.00 pm Service of Light; Redmire

Easter Day 6.30 am Sunrise Service on Penhill. 7.30- 9.30 am Breakfast and egg-painting in West Witton village hall. 9.30am Family Service in West Witton.

St. Andrew's 11.00am. Service with children's activities; egg-rolling competition. All other services at the usual times.

Sunday April 30th St Andrew's Aysgarth 10-30 am. Service to celebrate the Penhill Benefice and to say goodbye to Rev. Margaret Rimmer. 6.30 pm Songs of Praise

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